

competence—and they have made it a point to share these gifts with those around them. Carlow College has chosen well in selecting them as its Students of Spirit for this year.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE SAG HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 5, 1996*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Sag Harbor Historical Society and its efforts to preserve the rich heritage of this colonial-era village on Long Island's east end.

Settled in the mid-1970's, Sag Harbor is a bucolic seaside village that was once home to a fleet of whaling ships during the last century. Strategically situated on Long Island's south fork, Sag Harbor has played significant roles in many of America's earliest events, from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War and the industrial revolution.

Now this bustling maritime port, nestled within the rich farmland of the Hamptons, is a destination for thousands of tourists and summer residents who come to enjoy the beautiful nearby beaches and local sites that the Sag Harbor Historical Society have fought to preserve. Though several groups have worked to maintain Sag Harbor's unique legacy, none were still active when the Sag Harbor Historical Society was created in 1985.

Among the group's most notable projects was the defense of the Umbrella House, a colonial-era building that suffered a direct cannon shot during the War of 1812. With its high-pitched gable roof and other unique features, the Umbrella House is typical of early American architecture. Along with placing Sag Harbor's downtown district on the National Register of Historical Places, the society also published a 395-page tome of local history in 1991.

Committed historians that they are, the Sag Harbor Historical Society members are completely devoted to preserving every aspect of the village's fertile heritage. This Saturday, September 7, the society is dedicating the opening of a new historical landmark, the historic Sag Harbor jail, located behind the equally significant municipal building. The historic Sag Harbor jail will serve as a public museum, with exhibits on the history of law enforcement and correction in America.

Built in 1915, the jail house is a classic example of an early 20th century lock-up and is an integral part of Sag Harbor's fascinating downtown architecture. Built of native hard burned brick, the lock-up has 8 inch thick walls around two steel cells for male prisoners and another for women. But then in 1985, the little brick jail house was slated for demolition to make way for new development.

The local historians who fought to preserve the jail house organized to become the Sag Harbor Historical Society, dedicated to preserving their hometown's heritage for future generations. So I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saluting the Sag Harbor Historical Society for all their efforts.

#### PASTOR JIM LYON'S—LIFE IN A CHRISTIAN HOME

HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 5, 1996*

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, on many occasions my wife Ruthie and I have worshiped with our special friends at North Anderson Church of God.

On each visit we are lifted up by the sermons of Pastor Jim Lyon, a young dynamic minister whom we have grown to know well in the past few years.

His talents and interpretation of Holy Scripture is truly moving.

I would like to summit Pastor Lyon's 10 inspiring points on Life at Home into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for my friends and colleagues.

The points that Ruthie and I take to heart—ones that all Americans should follow.

In my series of ten messages (beginning May 5), I have attempted to highlight some of the most important characteristics of Life in a Christian Home. We spend more time at home than we do anywhere else; how we experience life at home will determine how we relate to the rest of our world.

#### LIFE AT HOME SHOULD BE DISTINGUISHED BY

1. A commitment to biblical boundaries for the expression of human sexuality. Biblical boundaries for sexual activity are more narrowly drawn than those established by our society; the Bible forbids sexual activity between persons who are not married to each other. All sexual activity (that involves genital contact) between persons outside of marriage is sin and severely compromises your ability to experience God's presence and blessing in your home. A clear and absolute commitment to biblical values in this area will protect your home and enhance every relationship you have.

2. Forgiveness. Relationships at home can bring great pain—people do not always meet our expectations, sometimes they deliberately injure us, sometimes they hurt us without intending to do so (but the pain is real, nonetheless). Life at Home can never include the Spirit of Christ if unforgiveness is allowed to reside there. We cannot receive God's forgiveness if we are not willing to extend forgiveness to others; we cannot find peace at home, until we choose to forgive at home.

3. Acceptance. If you do not feel accepted at home, insecurity will undermine all of your relationships everywhere else. To know that you have intrinsic worth apart from how you perform in life, empowers you to love and accept others—and to comprehend the love of God.

4. Righteous Memory. Intentionally create wonderful, righteous memories for the people in your home, so that when they are faced with difficulties and challenges, they will be able to draw from a reservoir of memories that will bring the Lord to mind and give them hope.

5. Boundaries. Every home needs boundaries. Establish clear lines of acceptable behavior—and reasonable consequences for living within or outside those lines. Adults must set boundaries and consequences for their children, for themselves, and for each other—and then follow-through with them. Failure to do so is a prescription for disaster.

6. Husbands who love their wives as Christ loves the Church. In every home established by marriage, there should be a husband who knows how to prove his love to his wife, with

passion, intimacy, and commitment. A man should not expect to enjoy the privileges of marriage without first assuming its responsibilities: loving, giving, protecting, and honoring his wife.

7. Speaking the truth in love. Life at Home should be grounded in honest, straightforward, and loving conversation. Don't pout, use sarcasm, accuse, or avoid difficult issues. Recognize that truth may have more than one perspective and that all communication must be predicated with love.

8. The way parents are honored. Honoring our parents (even when they are troublesome) is a commandment of God—the first with a promise. Respect for authority is a key to establishing healthy relationships throughout life; respect for our parent is the first step in developing respect for others. Search for the good in your parents, and honor them for it. Sometimes parents need to be confronted with the truth of their shortcomings—that honors them, too. Making peace with our parents opens the door for whole relationships at home and elsewhere.

9. Biblically-based money management. Don't hoard. Develop a budget. Give God the first 10% of your gross income. Measure your financial priorities by God's Word. Take control of your finances for God, or they will control you—reducing you to servitude.

10. Healthy diversity and understanding of God's gender design. God created two kinds of people in this world: male and female. Recognize and celebrate the different ways each gender perceives the world and each other; do not allow that diversity to compromise harmony and peace in your Life at Home. Use it instead to make Life at Home more interesting.

There are, of course, other elements that should characterize Life at Home for Christians. But these are beginning points. Once I have mastered these, I will be in a position to suggest some others.

All of these ideas, however, are contingent upon the Lordship of Christ in your personal life. If you have not been transformed by the Holy Spirit (in process Jesus described as being born again), the application of these principles cannot be maximized. Start with a commitment to Christ. Give yourself—and your home—to His control. Then, pursue the ten distinguishing marks above—and Life at Home will never be the same; you will find that it has never been better.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALUMNI OF FROEBEL HIGH SCHOOL AND ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 5, 1996*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker: It is with great pleasure that I commend the alumni of Froebel High School on the celebration of the 12th anniversary of their first reunion family picnic. This picnic was held on Saturday, August 10, 1996, on the grounds of what used to be Froebel High School in Gary, IN.

An originator of the event and current chairman of the Froebel class of 1962, the honorable Vernon Smith, State representative for Indiana's fourteenth district, stated that this picnic was originated in 1984 to maintain the inner city spirit and rivalry between the alumni of the Froebel Blue Devils and the Gary Roosevelt Panthers. Initially, the graduating classes of 1962 from both high schools combined efforts to create a nostalgia reunion. This